

Public Policy Involvement – Linking Academic Endeavour to Public Need

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Social responsibilities

- ❑ Excellence in teaching at undergrad and post grad levels
- ❑ Outstanding research output – visible, relevant and independent
- ❑ Contribution to social and economic policy
- ❑ Participation on statutory and advisory bodies

Public policy involvement

- ❑ Increasing acknowledgment of role of lay participation on working groups and policy-making consultative bodies
- ❑ Desirability of achieving consensus within the community and thus wider acceptability of policy
- ❑ Role of academic expertise
- ❑ Acknowledgement within University

Significance of academic endeavour

- ❑ Example of Post Mortem Report and Working Group
- ❑ Medical Council - functions include education and training of doctors, registration, disciplinary actions, setting standards for ethical conduct.
- ❑ Consultation process
- ❑ Recognition within university sector

Science and society

- ❑ Relevance of research to development of medical technology
- ❑ Ethical and legal concerns
- ❑ Dialogue with society
- ❑ Research into sociological implications
- ❑ Dissemination through education
- ❑ Media analysis and commentary

Incorporation of HSS research in Science R&D

- Ethical, social and legal implications
- Must be integrated into research project by objective researchers
- GABRIEL – importance of raising awareness of ethical, social and legal issues with leading scientific researchers
- Development of policy at European level

Conclusion

- ❑ HSS research is relevant and necessary in shaping social policy
- ❑ Social responsibility to community
- ❑ Needs to be visible, integrated and more widely utilised and acknowledged